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Church bells are not, to my ear, "an impertinence." One is a free agent. I am free to go, which I like to do; you are free to stay, if you prefer; though I may think you make a mistake. I don't say that I should go every Sunday to hear a man who was always binding doctrines together like bundles of dry sticks, and thrusting them at his vawoing heaver. thrusting them at his yawning hearers. I want to hear a sermon that any poor soul
who straggles into church from any bylane or alley can understand, and carry
home with him to his cellar or garret;
not a sermon that comes on chariot
wheels, but afoot, and with a warm, lifeike grasp for every honest—aye, and dis-honest—hand in the assembly, defaulter or Magdalen; for who bade you slam Heaven's gate in their faces?

I want a human sermon. I don't care what Melchisedek, or Zurubbabel, or Kerenhappuk did, ages ago; I want to know what I am to do, and I want somebody besides a theological bookworm to tell me; somebody who is sometimes tempted and tried, and is not too dignified to own it; tried, and is not too dignified to own it; somebody like me, who is always sinning and repenting; somebody who is glad and sorry, and cries and langhs, and eats and drinks, and wants to fight when they are trodden on—and don't. That's the minister for me. I don't want a spiritual abstraction, with stony eyes and petrified fingers, and no blood to battle with. What credit is it to him to be preper? How can he understand me? Were there only such ministers in the pilipit, I wouldn't go to church either, because my impatient feet would only beat a tattoo on the pew door till service was over; but thank pew floor till service was over; but thank God there are! and while they preach I shall go and hear them, and come home better and happier for having done it.

So I pray you don't abolish my Sunday, whatever you may do with your day. day, whatever you may do with yours. Don't take away my blessed Sunday breakfast, when wo all have time to love one another. Don't take away the Sabbath belle, which I so love to hear. Don't take belle, which I so love to hear. Don't take bells, which I so lave to hear. Pon't take away my buman minister, whose God is no tyrant, and is better pleased to see us go smiling home from church than bowing our heads like a bulrush, and groaning back to our dinners, till all you satishabbatarians are mad to abolish Sunday

General Wilson, who in the spring of 1865 made an expedition through Alabama and Georgia, and struck what Gen. Sherman officially (?) pronounced "one of the best blows of the war at the waning strength of the Confederacy," has issued a call for a meeting of the "officers and soldiers of the Cavalry Corps, Military Division of the Mississippi," at Louisville, Kentucky, on November 17.5.

John Morrissey has been to bear Bescher preach, and says be never saw a man "get the devil's head in chancery so quick in all his life."

There are five German Lodges of Knights of Pythias in New York city.

Madrid (Sept. 8) Cor. London Times.]

It is impossible to convey to you an idea of the excitement existing in Madrid at this moment. It arises from two causes. The first is Cuba, the second the Volunteers of Liberty. Let me take each in its order. First, then, with respect to Cuba. The Spanish Government having adopted, unwisely for themselves, the plan of earefully hiding from the public any evil news they receive from that island, and publishing from time to time telegrams highly favorable to the success of the troops, have managed to persuade the public that the insurrection is "almost crushed," and that General Cabellero de Bodas would soon be able to aunounce the return of the "Pearl of the Madrid press have lent themselves to the same system of concesiment, doubtless obeying warnings from high quarters, and have published nothing but a highly Spanish series of reports of the progress of the struggle. On Sunday right the Epoca, one of the best edited papers in Madrid, though Isabelline in its principles, broke this silence in a long and doleful article, quoting from private letters it had recuived from persons of the greatest veracity sad statements of the danger there was of the ments of the danger there was of the ments of the danger there was of the many taken their departure on Monday morning last. The burned district presents anything that The burned district presents anything taken their departure on Monday morning last. The burned district presents anything taken their departure on Monday morning last. The burned district presents anything taken their departure on the cottagers have left, about the last of them having taken their departure on the cottagers have left, about the having taken their departure on the cottagers have left, about the last of the Monday morning last. The burned district presents anything taken their departure on the cotumbination of the Columbia House, which was saved, being a mass of blackened and charred timbers, broken china say of later to the Ocean, with the exception o persons of the greatest veracity sad state-ments of the danger there was of the loss of the island. It urged the sending out of much larger reinforce-ments than the 8000 men who are to sail next week. On Monday the matter was next week. On Monday the matter was much talked of, but as only one or two papers are published on that day, the public generally heard little. On Monday night the Epoca startled the world by another highly sensational article to the effect that "fresh news of great gravity had come to affect their hearts as Spaniards"—the representative of the United States, Gen. Sickles, "whose presence among us has been the sad omen for the interests of the country," had, under orders from Washington, transmitted a note to the Spanish government, "announcing that the state of public opinion in the North American Republic would probably oblige them to recognize the Cuban rebels as belliggreetts." The Epoca then proceeded with a highly patriouc appeal, urging the dispatch of the entire army to Cuba, and calling on Isabellinos, Carlists, Republicans, and all others opposed to the present situation, to "cease their ranthe present situation, to "cease their rancors, and leave the government free to
save Cuba," with "curses on them
if they did not." It further suggested public meetings in every city,
town and village "to demonstrate to
that great republic that Spain had but
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one will when the salvation of the integrity of her territory is concerned." On Tuesday morning this article was copied in all the papers, with the marked exception of one or two of the Government organs, and preduced the wildest axcitement. Each paper in copying it added its own comments, all highly sensational, and all presing the despatch of the last and all urging the despatch of the last man and the last dollar to save Cuba. The effect of the excitement may be judged from the fact that the funds fell to the lowest point they had touched in sixteen years. The Government do not publish General Sickles' dispatch, though to my mind it would be far better if they were not quite so accretive. It is not my were not quite so secretive. It is not my business to inquire into the right the American Government have thus to read lessons in tender mercy to Spain, or into the effect this bugbear of recognition would have upon the course of the insur-rection. After all I apprehend it would be but a moral effect; but, whatever it be, it has unquestionably terrified the

Spanish people amazingly. A Quaker Protest Against Women's

The Quarterly Review, the organ of the Quakers in England, utters a protest against fashionable bonnets. The writer confesses that during one of their meetings for worship his mind has been exercised by the bonnets in view. He doubts whether the wearers have any time or whether the wearers have any time of thought to spare for the poor and wretched. "As a mere question of taste," he adds, "I grieve to see so many bonnie faces spoiled by the foolish contrivances of French milliners. But more than that, I grieve to see that the inevitable reaction from our sectional peculiarities, which were originally based on reason and good sense, but which had lost their and good sense, but which had lost their force, and have therefore been wisely abandoned, has carried so many into the popularities of the silly world of fashion, which are based on no reason at all." But happily, others have discovered the proper medium. "The problem has been thoroughly solved, and there were abundant instances of it; solution at this yearly meeting, how to dress with heautiful taste and neatness and simplicity combined; how to avoid singularities and oddities and to be attired both with and oddities and to be attired both with grace and Christian moderation. We must hope that the moderates with their quiet attire are the rising section, and that the extreme reds among us will soon, even for the sake of appearance, if not for higher motive, be all converted to their view." As a matter of fact, Eng-lish Quakeresses, under twenty, are now dressed like other people.

A correspondent says: "Nearly all the cottagers have left, about the last of

Among the vessels lost in the cyclone that swept the Bay of Bengal in 1867, were the steamer Thunder and the ship Morayshire. Search was made for them, but no trace was discovered, and it was taken for granted that both had gone down at sea. The other day a party of fishermen, driven for shelter into an out-of-the-way creek some four miles inland, stumbled upon the hall of a ship, which stumbled upon the hull of a ship, which proved to be the Morayshire, and further is found a larger steamer with masts and funnels still standing, which answer to the description of the Thunder. The steamer had £165,000 on board, which is doubtless eafe in her bullion hold. Painful speculations are, of course, called up as to the fate of her crew and passengers. What that fate was may never be discovered. It is conjectured that they

discovered. It is conjectured that they could not have lived long, even if they with tigers. What is, perhaps, the strangest, is, that these vessels have been lying two years within a few miles of the mouth of the Hoogly.

Miscellaneous Items, Deep velvet collars are prescribed for

Onions are cheaper than potatoes in Minnesota There will be no eclipse visible here

Coal has been discovered beneath the city of Providence, R. I. Hair powder paid \$4500 duty to the British treasury last year.

In West Virginia the income tax averages thirty cents a head. Portland, Maine, talks of a bust of Senator Fessenden for its public library.

The Georgia planters will make this year \$40,000,000 on cotton. Miss Jennie Rusk, the well known Baltimore songstress, is at present in Bos-ton, making preparations for a Western

Miss Bateman has been the recipient of many flattering social courtesies and testimonials of esteem since her return to this country.

Thomas J. F. Booth, claiming to be a brother of Edwin Booth, is still adver-tising himself as such, and is playing in Dublin.

S. S. Cox began his speech, in response to the welcome he received in New York, after this fashion: "Gentlemen, I thought I was over salt water, but your warm wel-come has filled my eyes with it."

At the Chichassabogue paper mills, near Mobile, interesting experiments have been recently made, by which the fact is demonstrated that first rate paper can be made from the okra plant. Victor Emanuel said the other day that

be felt like his father, Carlo Alberto, when the latter, after his abdication in 1849, said to him: "My son, I impose upon you the heaviest burden in the world-a crown.

A solemn council held at Baden de-cided that M'lle Nilsson might play Mignon is her own hair. Acting upon this hold declaration of war against the tyrauny of Ary Scheffer, the fair Swede left her brown wig at home.

Boston proposes to send its Treasurer to England to sign the city bonds which have been negotiated abroad. It is estimated that about five millions will be taken there. The Treasurer of Massachusetts has already gone to England to

At Reno, Montana, on the 2d instant, Frederick Schmadeke, of Virginiai Cty, a German, married Miss Louisa Rowe, a lady from Cornwall, England. The two had never seen each other till they met in Reno. They had exchanged photographis, and all their courting was done lish Quakeresses, under twenty, are now dressed like other people.

Brigham Young maintains a poetess laureate in his Dominions—Eliza Snow by name. Here is a sample couplet of her poetry in praise of the Mormon hible: "A heavenly treasure, a book full of merit. It speaks from the dust, by the voice of the special."

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